Home Security

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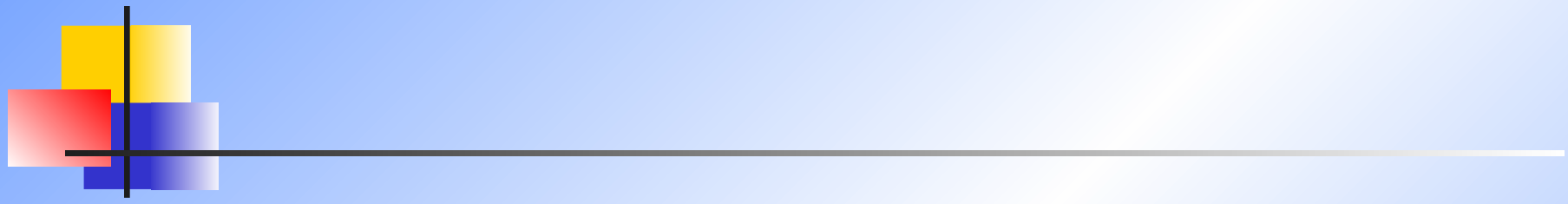

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Think Like a Burglar

- What would you do as a BURGLAR?
  - “case” your house
- What does a BURGLAR like?
  - An invitation from you
  - A fast, easy, undetected entry and exit

Burglar Invitations

- Pile of newspapers on your step
- Overflowing mailbox
- Unkempt yard
- Keys left in your vehicle while you run into the store
- Dark or concealed hiding areas
- Windows left open when you are away
- Notes left on exterior doors explaining where you have gone

Burglar Invitations

- The spare house key on top of the door jam. (Did you think no one knew that key was there?)
- Messages on answering machines stating you are away
- An open garage door
- Sliding glass door, without auxiliary locks
- A house unlit night after night
- Privacy fence
- Flimsy door latches and locks
- Basement windows

Burglar Entry & Exit

- After receiving his invitation the burglar also looks for a quick, undetected entry and exit.
- He will choose the path of least resistance which affords him the best chance of getting away without being caught.

Burglar Entry & Exit

- A large shrub in front of a window
- A dark alley behind the residence
- A privacy fence around the yard
- An unlocked door or window
- A sliding glass door
- An exterior door without a deadbolt lock

Home Security You Control

- Evaluate your security risks
- Determine the changes you can make to reduce these risks
- Make the recommended changes

Evaluate Your Risks

- Develop an awareness of your environment
- Learn to identify the threats to your security which already exist or may develop
- You don't have to look at everything and everyone suspiciously. But, developing a security awareness for where you live, work, play and drive can help you avoid taking unnecessary risks

Determine the Changes You Can Make

- Conduct a home survey
  - Consider factors such as time, money, and materials
  - No home is burglarproof
  - Consider “Deception Techniques”

Make The Changes

- Start by changing what you can
- Prioritize
  - Time
  - Money
  - Materials and external workers
- Don’t wait to start, a burglar may not
  - Change may deter a burglar

Home Security Tips

- Be sure lights are installed in dark driveways, walkways and yards
- If you receive an obscene phone call, quietly hang up
- If you’re alone at night and not expecting anyone, respond to a doorbell with, "I'll get it Bill."
- Never hide a key outside the home
- Use timers on lights (inside and out) when you are away

Home Security Tips

- Hang bells or wind chimes on entryways and place plants or other objects in the tracks of windows that will be disturbed if opened.
- Have a lock on your bedroom door with a telephone by your bed
- Keep valuables in a safety deposit box - not in your house

The Ten Commandments Of Crime Prevention

1. Install good secure locks and use them
2. Leave lights on while away from home
3. Adequately secure all windows
4. Lock garage doors and windows
5. Do not advertise you are away from home
6. Be neighborly, but be suspicious of strangers in the area
7. Record serial numbers and maintain a record of all your property

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8. Mark all your property with your social security number or permanent Utah drivers license number
   - Operation Identification
9. Organize your neighbors into a “Neighborhood Watch Program”
10 Call the police department to report all crimes and suspicious activities